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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE  
AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE  
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AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
USMISSION NATO  
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY ROME  
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

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USINT BAGHDAD  
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AMCONSUL JERUSALEM  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
USCINCEUR

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CINCEUR FOR POLAD, ALEXANDRIA FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - AUGUST 3

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR AUGUST 3, 1977. FYI  
ONLY SPOKESMAN TODAY WAS JOHN TRATTNER.

Q. DO YOU KNOW WHETHER THERE IS A PROJECTED SOVIET ROLE IN  
THE FOUR-POWER-TALK IDEA THAT WAS RAISED YESTERDAY  
IN ALEXANDRIA?

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A. I DON'T.

Q. ON THAT SAME SUBJECT, THERE SEEMS TO BE CONSIDERABLE  
CONFUSION OR DISCREPANCIES IN THE NEWSPAPER REPORTS FROM  
ALEXANDRIA AS TO WHETHER THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS  
EMBRACED THIS IDEA AS AN AMERICAN IDEA AND IS REALLY GOING  
TO PUSH IT, OR WHETHER HE IS SIMPLY GOING TO CARRY IT ON  
AS AN EGYPTIAN SUGGESTION TO THE OTHER PARTIES. HAVE YOU  
GOT ANY GUIDANCE ON THAT?

A. I HAVE--AND YOU CAN READ IT--A TEXT OF HODDING'S  
BRIEFING YESTERDAY WHICH MAY GIVE YOU A LITTLE MORE  
THAN I'M ABLE TO UP HERE.

Q. DID THAT FOLLOW THE NEWS CONFERENCE?

A. YES. NO, WAIT A MINUTE, IT DID NOT. IT PRECEDED IT.

Q. DID IT DEAL WITH THIS QUESTION?

A. I HAVEN'T FINISHED READING IT ALL MYSELF, BUT I THINK  
IT DID; AT LEAST THEY TRIED TO GET HIM TO DEAL WITH IT,

AND HE DID RESPOND, BUT YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF.

Q. WHAT ARE THE VIBRATIONS YOU'RE GETTING FROM  
ALEXANDRIA?

A. THEY ARE ELECTRONIC AND THEY ARE CALLED CABLES, BUT  
I'M NOT ABLE TO VIBRATE FOR YOU FROM HERE.

Q. WITH THE ACCOUNTS FROM ALEXANDRIA YOU GET THE IMPRES-  
SION THAT WHAT HAPPENED THERE IS A STEP BACKWARDS IN  
WHATEVER THE SECRETARY IS TRYING TO DO, WHILE I THINK  
MANY PEOPLE WOULD SUSPECT THAT THE MEETING BETWEEN ARAB  
AND ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTERS IS A GREAT LEAP FORWARD,  
SO IN THIS SENSE I'M ASKING YOU ABOUT THE VIBRATIONS?  
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A. I'M NOT GOING TO TRY TO ANSWER YOU, OR TO SPECULATE  
WITH YOU OR FOR YOU ABOUT IT. EVERYTHING IN AN INTER-  
PRETATIVE WAY THAT SURROUNDS THIS TRIP IS GOING TO HAVE  
TO COME FROM OUT THERE, AND THE SECRETARY DID HAVE A  
PRESS CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT WHICH WE WILL BE GIVING TO YOU  
THIS AFTERNOON. CHRISTOPHER

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